



CITY OF GALAX

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026
GALAX MUNICIPAL BUILDING
6:00 P.M.

- 6:00 P.M. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor White
- 6:02 P.M. **PRAYER** Councilman Coomes
- 6:04 P.M. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilman Coomes
- 6:06 P.M. **RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE:** Mayor White
Tim Webb, Twin County 911 Director
- 6:13 P.M. **“SHARE THE AIR” PRESENTATION** Galax High School Students
- 6:28 P.M. **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED CITY ORDINANCE TO INCREASE WATER AND SEWER USER RATES (Attachment #1)** City Council
The City of Galax, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be called on the agenda, in the City Council Chambers of the Galax Municipal Building, 111 E. Grayson Street, Galax, Virginia, to consider adoption of an ordinance to change water user rates and sewer user rates charged by the City. The proposed Ordinance would amend Subsection A and Subsection B of Section 153-36 of the City Code of the City of Galax, Virginia to increase water use fees and sewer use fees to go into effect on July 1, 2026 and July 1, 2027 as attached.
- 6:45 P.M. **PRESENTATION: Discussion of Baseball Field** Jr. Vice Mayor Brody Long & Mayor White
- 7:00 P.M. **PRESENTATION: FY 2027 City and Schools Proposed Budget** City Manager Burnette & School Superintendent Tilley
- 7:20 P.M. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker or 5 minutes per group)
- 7:35 P.M. **CONSENT AGENDA** City Council
- **Approval of December 8, 2025 (edited); January 12, 2026; February 9, 2026; and April 13, 2026 Minutes (Attachment #2)**
 - **Approval of April 2026 Financial Reports (Attachment #3)**
 - **Approval of New CPMT Appointments (Attachment #4)**

OLD BUSINESS

7:40 P.M. **Oldtown Street Stormwater Project**

Environmental Program
Manager Norman

7:50 P.M. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER,
MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

8:05 P.M. **CLOSED SESSION**

Request for Closed Meeting in Accordance with 2.2-3711

- (A)(1) Discussion of Personnel
- (A)(3) Discussion of the acquisition of real property or the disposition of real property
- (A)(5) Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made
- (A)(8) Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel

8:40 P.M. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION**

8:45 P.M. **ADJOURN**

SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER – *Mayor White*

PRAYER – *Councilman Coomes*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Councilman Coomes*

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE: Tim Webb, Twin County 911 Director - *Mayor White* – Recognition for being named the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials’ 2025 Virginia APCO Tom Hanson Director of the Year.

“SHARE THE AIR” PRESENTATION – *Galax High School Students* - Dr. Charles Byrd is working with a group of students at Galax High School to develop a “Share the Air” program, a state-wide education program highlighting the dangers of second-hand tobacco smoke and vaping (<https://sharetheairva.com/>). Students will make a presentation to Council on this important topic.

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed City Ordinance to Increase Water and Sewer Rates (Attachment #1) - *City Council* – Council will hear public comment related to a proposed Ordinance to change water user rates and sewer user rates charged by the City. The proposed Ordinance would amend Subsection A and Subsection B of Section 153-36 of the City Code of the City of Galax, Virginia to increase water use fees and sewer use fees to go into effect on July 1, 2026 and July 1, 2027 as attached.

- ***Council is asked to hear public comments related to this public hearing and approve or deny as Council deems appropriate.***

PRESENTATION: Discussion of Baseball Field – *Junior Vice Mayor Brody Long and Mayor White* – Junior Vice-Mayor Long and Mayor White will provide information to Council regarding the current status of the baseball field and what steps could be taken to improve the facility.

- ***Council is asked to hear presentation related to the baseball field.***

PRESENTATION: FY 2027 City and Schools Proposed Budget - *City Manager Burnette and School Superintendent Tilley* – Council will be given the final draft budget of the City and School System for the 2027 fiscal year. After the presentation and any subsequent discussion, Council will be asked to schedule a special called meeting on May 26, 2027 to conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget. The final budget adoption would be scheduled for Council’s June 8th regular meeting.

- ***Council is asked to hear the presentation and ask questions as deemed appropriate. Council will be asked to schedule a special call meeting on May 26th to conduct public hearings on the proposed budget and setting of tax rates.***

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker or 5 minutes per group)

CONSENT AGENDA - *City Council*

- **Approval of December 8, 2025 (edited); January 12, 2026; February 9, 2026; and April 13, 2026 Minutes (Attachment #2)** – Council has received proposed minutes for recent regular monthly Council meetings in December 2025, as well as January, February, and April 2026.
 - ***Council is asked to review the draft minutes and approve as Council deems appropriate***
- **Approval of April 2026 Financial Reports (Attachment #3)** – Council has received the financial report for the month of April 2026.
 - ***Council is asked to review the report and approve as Council deems appropriate***

- **Approval of New CPMT Appointments (Attachment #4)** – Mount Rogers Community Services is requesting that the City appoint new members to the CPMT board due to employee departure. It is requested that Ms. Rebecca Martel be appointed to the Galax CPMT team and Ms. Sherry Lang be appointed as her alternate.
 - ***Council is being asked to make appointments to the local CPMT board.***

OLD BUSINESS

- **Oldtown Street Stormwater Project - Environmental Program Manager Norman** - Mrs. Norman will be providing an update on the current status of this project, the potential issues at risk, and the proposed solutions moving forward on stormwater improvements in the downtown sector.
 - ***Council is being asked to hear the report and make changes as deemed appropriate.***

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